



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



Definition of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau defines CYSHCN as those who have or are at risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children and youth generally. Arizona uses this federal definition also.

Children with special health care needs may require:

- prolonged or periodic inpatient or outpatient hospitalizations that are longer than the average stay or with greater frequency than the general population,
- adaptations for daily living due to health related functional limitations, and / or
- a special level of expertise for treatment and/or services from multiple disciplines.